



## **2016 - Speaking Out**

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### **Mayor's Clean Up Day: Thank You Sponsors and Volunteers**

**By Mayor Marcia A Leclerc**

We had an amazing turnout for the Annual Mayor's Cleanup Day this past Saturday. Over 170 volunteers came out to help us beautify East Hartford. We had community groups, churches, elected officials and East Hartford students stepping up to help make our community a better place.

Together we are better, and our passion for our community brought us together, working shoulder to shoulder toward a common vision and goal. In just a few short hours we accomplished a great deal, setting a positive example for others. As mayor, I am fortunate to have the opportunity to collaborate with our community and lead on many initiatives. But it is when we come together like this— residents, business partners and volunteers of all ages — that brings me the most pride and the greatest sense of community.

Our town has always benefited from hardworking volunteers that mobilize at every opportunity to assist in any way they can, from participating in a cleanup day, working in a community group, a civic organization or contributing in their own way to improving our quality of life in East Hartford.

I want to thank, in particular: the Girl Scouts of Connecticut and Troop No. 10862, the East Hartford YMCA, Women of Destiny, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the Council of Ghanian Associations of Connecticut, and First Choice Health Centers for bringing out volunteers. I also want to thank our sponsors, Pratt & Whitney and Coca Cola. I want to give a special thank you to Tony Ravosa and Silver Lane Partners for donating the great t-shirts.

A big you to Jessica Carrero in my office for taking the lead in organizing this event and to the Directors of Public Works and Parks and Recreation, Tim Bockus and Ted Fravel, and their teams. And thank you most of all to our great volunteers who made this year's event a success. We could not have done it without you.

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